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C O N F I D E N T I A L MASERU 0774

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PGOV, LT

SUBJECT: CABINET CHANGES

REF: MASERU 0740,

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. LONG AWAITED CABINET CHANGES WERE ANNOUNCED
EFFECTIVE MARCH 31. ONLY FOUR CHANGES ANNOUNCED THUS FAR, AS
FOLLOWS:

A. AMBASSADOR MOOKI MOLAPO FROM UN TO MINISTER OF COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY.

B. MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY K.T.J. RAKHETLA TO
MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING.

C. MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING E.M. LEROTHOLI
TO MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE.

D. MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE J.R.L. KOTSOKOANE TO LESOTHO MISSION
AT THE UN (REFTEL).

END UNCLASSIFIED

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2. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL. COMMENT: MOOKI MOLAPO DID NOT RPT NOT, AS
HAD BEEN RUMORED FOR MANY WEEKS, ASSUME A PORTFOLIO IN A NEW
MINISTRY OF WATER AND POWER. NO NEW MINISTRY HAS BEEN CREATED.
MOLAPO IS NOT WELL KNOWN TO THE EMBASSY BUT HE IS REGARDED LOCALLY
AS BEING A MAN OF LIMITED CAPABILITY AND AN ERRATIC PERSONALITY.
HE IS BEING USHERED INTO A POSITION WHERE HE WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUN-

ITY FOR CONSIDERABLE WHEELING AND DEALING. MINISTER RAKHETLA, A FORMER CIVIL SERVANT WITH A REPUTATION OF USING HIS OFFICE FOR PERSONAL GAIN, MOVES TO A MINISTRY WHERE OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUCH DEALINGS ARE FEW. EDWIN LEROTHOLI, A FORMER CIVIL SERVANT AND TRADITIONAL CHIEF, IS REGARDED AS ONE OF THE BEST MEN IN THE CABINET. HE HAS AN IMPECCABLE REPUTATION AND IS AN ABLE ADMINISTRATOR AND POLITICAL ANALYST. HIS EXPERIENCE IN AGRICULTURE IS LIMITED TO THAT WHICH HE HAS GAINED WORKING HIS OWN FARM NEAR MASERU. FOR COMMENTS ON KOTSOKOANE SEE REFTEL. END CONFIDENTIAL. STOKES

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